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1. ICNAF MEETING CONCLUDED SUCCESSFULLY. IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS PRIOR TO MEETING AND ACTIONS IN MEETING ITSELF, POLISH DEL SHOWED HIGH DEGREE OF COOPERATION AND AWARENESS OF SERIOUSNESS OF MATTER.

2. AGREEMENT REACHED ON HADDOCK SATISFACTORY TO US WHICH SHOULD NOT AFFECT POLES DUE NATURE THEIR OPERATION. AGREEMENT REACHED ON REDUCING HERRING QUOTAS IN GULF OF MAINE ON WHICH POLES DO NOT FISH, BUT NOT ON GEORGES BANK STOCK

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WHICH IS IMPORTANT TO POLES. IT IS CLEAR THAT REDUCTION

IN LATTER WILL BE NECESSARY AT 1975 ANNUAL MEETING, AND THIS WILL BE DIFFICULT ISSUE. AGREEMENT REACHED ON PROTECTING YELLOWTAIL FLOUNDER BY EXTENDING AREA CLOSED TO BOTTOM FISHING OFF US COAST FROM MAINE TO DELAWARE BAY TO ENTIRE YEAR AND ACCELERATING ELIMINATION SMALL SIDE TRAWLERS FROM END 1976 TO END 1974. THIS SHOULD NOT POSE ANY REAL DIFFICULTY TO POLES WHO RAPIDLY PHASING OUT SUCH F/VS. ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC REGULATIONS ON ENFORCEMENT ADOPTED, TWO RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED LOOKING TO SUBSTANTIAL IM-

PROVEMENTS IN ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM AND IT CLEAR TO ALL INVOLVED THAT AGREED MEASURES MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO. THIS UNDERSTANDING MORE IMPORTANT TO US AT THIS TIME THAN ADOPTION SPECIFIC MEASURES.

3. IN LONG DISCUSSION AT US RECEPTION BETWEEN VICE MINISTER PIETRASZEK AND CHAIRMAN US DEL SULLIVAN, FORMER AGAIN PUSHED FOR PACIFIC FISHERIES AGREEMENT INCLUDING PORT CALLS. SULLIVAN AGAIN STRESSED EMOTIONAL ASPECTS INCREASED FOREIGN FISHING AND WEST COAST PORT CALLS LINKED TO 200 MILE LEGISLATION. OBJECT ON BOTH SIDES SHOULD BE DEFUSE ISSUE AND ENSURE EQUITABLE LOS AGREEMENT. ONCE THAT ACHIEVED AND EMOTIONALISM REMOVED AS FACTOR, WE COULD HAVE RATIONAL DISCUSSIONS, BUT LITTLE CHANCE BEFORE THEN.

4. REPATRIATION OF POLISH FISHING CREWS THROUGH US PORTS WOULD BE CONSIDERED MAJOR ITEM IN BILATERAL AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ONLY IN CONTEXT OF NEXT FISHERIES BILATERAL NEGOTIATION. PRESENT FISHERIES AGREEMENT DOES NOT RPT NOT PERMIT REPATRIATION POLISH FISHING CREWS THROUGH US PORTS.

5. STATUS 200 MILE LEGISLATION: EXPECTED TO BE VOTED ON IN SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE THIS WEEK. UNABLE TO TELL AT THIS TIME WHETHER VOTE WILL BE POSITIVE AS SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE OR NEGATIVE AS SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. WHETHER BROUGHT TO FLOOR MAY WELL DEPEND ON NATURE OF ARMED SERVICES VOTE. INGERSOLL

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